

# Message of the Week

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**“The Senate should address the priorities of the American people, which have already passed the House.”**

## **Examples of measures passed by the House but not yet passed by the full Senate:**

- **Department of Homeland Security.** The House passed a bill to create the Department of Homeland Security as a Cabinet-level department. The Senate is still stalled in seemingly endless debate on the bill. (H.R. 5005)
- **Arming Pilots.** The House passed a bill to authorize pilots to carry and use firearms in the course of their duties as federal flight deck officers. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 4635)
- **Welfare Reauthorization.** The House passed a bill to reauthorize the revolutionary welfare reforms that have moved dramatic numbers of people from welfare to work. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 4737)
- **Budget for Fiscal Year 2003.** The House passed a resolution laying out a budget for the federal government for fiscal year 2003. The Senate has not yet taken up this or any other budget resolution. (H.Con.Res. 353)
- **Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.** The House passed a bill to ban partial-birth abortion. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 4965)
- **Marriage Penalty Relief.** The House passed a bill to make permanent the elimination of the marriage penalty in the federal tax code. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 4019)
- **Death Tax Elimination.** The House passed a bill to make permanent the elimination of the death tax. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 2143)
- **Human Cloning Ban.** The House passed a bill to ban all human cloning. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 2505)
- **Adoption Tax Credit.** The House passed a bill to make permanent the expansion of the adoption tax credit and adoption assistance programs. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (H.R. 4800)

- **Retirement Savings.** The House passed a bill to make permanent the new pension and individual retirement provisions that allow Americans to save more and control more of what they save. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (*H.R. 4931*)
- **Life Sentences for Child Molesters.** The House passed a bill to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex crimes against children. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (*H.R. 2146*)
- **Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention.** The House passed a bill to outlaw computer-generated child pornography, in response to a Supreme Court decision that protected such pornography. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (*H.R. 4623*)
- **Unborn Victims of Violence.** The House passed a bill to allow criminals who commit an already defined federal crime of violence against a pregnant woman to be charged with a second offense on behalf of the second victim, the unborn child. The Senate has not yet taken up the bill. (*H.R. 503*)

"I am troubled, to say the least, by the extraordinary list of things that have to be addressed..."  
*--Senate Majority Leader, Tom Daschle (D-SD), September 17, 2002*